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Treatment of Disease**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

Dear Sir:


Initially, Applicants would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to Examiner Basi for his assistance and patience throughout this process.

Applicants originally filed 44 claims, of which 3 claims were independent and 41 claims were dependent. On June 29, 1998 Applicants paid a total of \$724 satisfying the Notice to File Missing Parts, which included the filing fee of \$395, additional claims over 20 of \$264 and a surcharge of \$65. Applicants have canceled claims 1-18, 19-32, 35-38 and 41-44, leaving pending claims 33, 34, 39 and 40. Applicants have added new claims 45 through 68 for a total of 27 claims, of which claims 33 and 39 are independent and 34, 40, and claims 45 through 68 are dependent claims. Accordingly, the filing fee of \$724 previously filed covers pending claims 33, 34, 39, 40 and new claims 45 through 68. Therefore, no additional fees are required in adding new claims 45 through 68.

Applicants request cancellation of claims 1 through 18, inclusive, without prejudice; entry of new claims 45 through 68; and consideration of the amendments to pending claims 33 and 39.

Date: March 29, 2001

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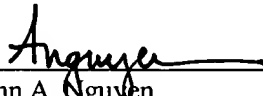
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following:

- 1) **Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (25 pages)**
- 2) **Self-addressed stamped post-card**

Respectfully submitted,

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